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SUBJECT: GOI ATTACKS ON VOA COVERAGE OF KURDISH AUTONOMY

REF: BAGHDAD 147

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL EDITORIAL IN OFFICIAL AL-JUMHURRIYA MARCH 14
ATTACKED VOA FOR "INTENTIONALLY AND INSOLENTLY" DISTORTING WHAT RCC
VP SADDAM HUSSEIN SAID ON MARCH 12 ABOUT CONSEQUENCES IF KDP
COMMITTS ACTS OF VIOLENCE DURING 15 DAY PERIOD WHICH IT HAS
TO ACCEPT AUTONOMY LAW AND PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL FRONT.
EDITORIAL CLAIMED VOA BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT AND NEWS BROAD-
CASTS SAID SADDAM HUSSEIN THREATENED TO "WITHDRAW AUTONOMY
IF UNLAWFUL ACTS TAKE PLACE IN KURDISTAN" WHEREAS IN FACT
SADDAM SAID REGIME "COMMITTED TO ACCEPT KDP AS OUR ALLIES
PROVIDED NO VIOLATION OF LAW AND ORDER TAKE PLACE. IF SUCH
ACTS TAKE PLACE WE WILL NO LONGER BE COMMITTED."
EDITORIAL CLAIMS AUTONOMY IS HERE TO STAY AND ISSUE IS
ONLY WHETHER CURRENT KDP LEADERSHIP ACCEPTS IT.

2. AS OF MARCH 17 THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER GOI
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REACTION TO VOA REPORTING OR ACCUSATIONS AGAINST USG.
NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE HEARD FROM EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR

NAGGAR AND OTHERS THAT SOME GOI LEADERS SUSPECT USG AND IRAN ARE ENCOURAGING BARZANI TO REFUSE AUTONOMY AND CAUSE TROUBLE FOR REGIME AS WAY OF WEAKENING "ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT" WHICH INTER ALIA ADVOCATING NATIONALIZATION OF OIL INTERESTS.

3. IF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST USG REAPPEAR DURING COMING WEEK DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER OUTLINING U.S. POSITION AT NOON BRIEFING IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION. HOPEFULLY IT COULD INCLUDE DISCLAIMER OF INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SOME RECOGNITION OF GOI EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS HISTORICALLY DIFFICULT INTERNAL PROBLEM.
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